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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY) GW WB
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: PROPOSED SCHEDULE

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1. FOLLOWING ARE MISSION COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS ON
REFTEL, AS WELL AS PRELIMINARY REACTIONS AND QUESTIONS
ON SCHEDULE FROM FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVE
CHARGED WITH VISIT COORDINATION. CHANCELLOR IS BEING
INFORMED OF PROGRAM.

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 1978

2. ARRIVAL. WE ASSUME ARRIVAL WILL BE ON CIVILIAN
SIDE OF COLOGNE/BONN AIRPORT, WHICH WE RECOMMEND BECAUSE
IT CAN BETTER HANDLE PRESS. FRG HAS NO OBJECTIONS.
OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THIS MATTER WAS BEING REVIEWED BY
AIR FORCE ONE TEAM. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT PARTY INTENDS
TO ARRIVE CIVILIAN SIDE.

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3. FRG CONFIRMS THAT STATEMENTS ARE NOT PART OF
WELCOMING CEREMONY OUTSIDE VILLA HAMMERSCHMIDT AT 9:30
A.M.'.

4. WE AND FRG REP ASSUME THAT 15 MINUTE PERIOD
FOLLOWING PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SCHEEL

(I.E., 10:15 - 10:30 A.M.) COULD BE DEVOTED TO WALK FROM VILLA HAMMERSCHMIDT TO CHANCELLOR'S BUNGALOW, WEATHER PERMITTING.

5. FRG SAID IT WILL BE CHECKING WITH CHANCELLOR TO SEE IF TOTAL AMOUNT OF TIME FOR BILATERAL MEETINGS AND WORKING LUNCH (TWO HOURS AND 45 MINUTES) IS CONSISTENT WITH CHANCELLOR'S THINKING.

SATURDAY, JULY 15 -- MORNING PORTION

6. WE BELIEVE IT ADVISABLE TO COUNT ON TEN MINUTES MORE FOR THE PROGRAM INVOLVING US AND GERMAN FORCES AND EQUIPMENT AT THE RHEIN MAIN AIR BASE, I.E., A TOTAL OF ONE HALF HOUR. THIS IS ALSO AMCONGEN FRANKFURT'S VIEW, AS WELL AS INITIAL FRG REACTION.

7. FRANKFURT'S 4613 (REPEATED SECSTATE IN BONN 10609) PROVIDES REQUESTED UPDATE ON BRIGADE 76/ERBENHEIM PROGRAM. WE BELIEVE IT ADVISABLE TO ALLOT AN HOUR RATHER THAN 45 MINUTES TO BRIGADE 76 AT ERBENHEIM/WIESBADEN AS THAT PROGRAM NOW SHAPING UP. (WE ARE ALSO BEARING IN MIND CHANCELLOR'S INVOLVEMENT WITH FRG AND US PERSONNEL PRESENT.) FRANKFURT AGREES, AND FRG MADE SAME POINT.

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8. THERE IS STILL NO DECISION FROM THE CHANCELLOR CONFIRMING THAT FRANKFURT RATHER THAN WIESBADEN SHOULD BE THE VENUE FOR THE CITY VISIT.

9. THE FRG NOTES THAT, DURING THE GOLDEN BOOK CEREMONY IN FRANKFURT AND THE SUBSEQUENT GREETING OF LOCAL OFFICIALS, BOTH CITY (FRANKFURT) AND LAND (HESSE) OFFICIALS ARE EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT.

10. THE FRG ASKS IF THE "PRIVATE TIME" ENVISAGED FROM 12:00 TO 12:30 P.M. WOULD INVOLVE THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHANCELLOR TOGETHER -- I.E., DISCUSSIONS -- OR WHETHER WE SEE THIS TIME AS PRIVATE WORKING TIME FOR THE PRESIDENT ALONE. WE ASSUME THE LATTER. PLEASE CONFIRM.

SATURDAY, JULY 15 -- FLIGHT TO BERLIN

11. WE ASSUME THAT THE ONE AND A HALF HOUR FLIGHT TIME ALLOTTED FOR BERLIN IS BASED ON THE CONSIDERATION (A)

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OF HAVING LUNCH ON THE AIRCRAFT AND (B) ON PERMITTING THE
PRESS AMPLE TIME TO DEPART FROM RHEIN MAIN AND ARRIVE IN
BERLIN PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S AIRCRAFT. WE WOULD
APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION.

SATURDAY, JULY 15 -- AFTERNOON PORTION

12. USMISSION BERLIN COMMENTING SEPARATELY.

SATURDAY, JULY 15 -- FLIGHT FROM BERLIN

13. WE ASSUME DEPARTURE IS FROM TEMPELHOF. PLEASE
CONFIRM.

14. WE BELIEVE THAT 45 MINUTES OF FLIGHT TIME IS TOO
SHORT FROM BERLIN TO BONN/COLOGNE. CONSIDERATIONS
INCLUDE SPEED LIMITS IN BERLIN COORIDOR, AND 60-70
MINUTES LOOKS MORE REALISTIC.

CHANCELLOR'S PARTY -- TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

15. FRG ASSUMES, AS DO WE, THAT CHANCELLOR WILL WISH
TO JOIN PRESIDENT FOR THE MORNING PROGRAM JULY 15.
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WE HAVE BEEN INFORMALLY ADVISED TO EXPECT ABOUT TWENTY FROM THE FRG SIDE AS A TOTAL, INCLUDING CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER, TWO AIDES, FRG AMBASSADOR VON STADEN, PROTOCOL CHIEF SCHOELLER, TWO OTHERS FROM PROTOCOL, AND AN FRG INTERPRETER; PLUS POSSIBLY MRS. SCHMIDT OR MRS. GENSCHER OR ANOTHER WIFE; PLUS ABOUT TEN FRG SECURITY PERSONNEL FOR CHANCELLOR, FOREIGN MINISTER, PRESIDENT AND OTHER US PRINCIPALS, PLUS US AND FRG WIVES. (PRESS OFFICERS FOR THE CHANCELLOR AND FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD ALSO BE PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM, ALTHOUGH FRG SIDE NOTES THAT THEY COULD TRAVEL WITH THE PRESS PLANE IF THAT APPROPRIATE.)

16. IN ADDITION, THERE IS THE QUESTION OF HOW THE CHANCELLOR AND THE REST OF HIS ACCOMPANYING PARTY AS DEFINED ABOVE WOULD GO TO BERLIN AND BACK. THE WORKING ASSUMPTION ON THE FRG SIDE IS THAT THE CHANCELLOR AND OTHERS INCLUDING THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD FLY ON THE PRESIDENT'S PLANE. THEY ARE NOT ASKING FOR A FORMAL INVITATION, BUT FOR ASSURANCE FROM OUR SIDE THAT "THERE WOULD BE ROOM ON THE PRESIDENT'S PLANE" FOR THE CHANCELLOR PLUS A PARTY ON THE ABOVE LINES. WE WOULD LIKE WASHINGTON CONFIRMATION THAT WE CAN GIVE FRG SUCH ASSURANCES FOR BOTH MORNING AND AFTERNOON PORTIONS OF THE JULY 15 PROGRAM. A SIMILAR ASSURANCE WAS GIVEN BY THE UK DURING THE QUEEN'S VISIT, AT WHICH TIME ESSENTIALLY THE SAME GERMAN PARTY AS ABOVE TRAVELLED ON THE QUEEN'S AIRCRAFT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER, WHO ON THAT VISIT TRAVELLED AHEAD TO BERLIN ON HIS OWN.

SUNDAY, JULY 16 -- CHURCH SERVICE
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17. CHURCH SERVICE WILL BE 40 MINUTES.

SUNDAY, JULY 16 -- ECONOMIC SUMMIT

18. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FROM EACH DAY'S SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT WILL BE DONE BY PROTOCOL ACCORDING TO EACH HEAD OF STATE/GOVERNMENT'S LENGTH OF TIME IN OFFICE. THIS MEANS THAT OF THE SEVEN PARTICIPANTS, THE PRESIDENT WILL BE THE SECOND FROM LAST TO ARRIVE, FOLLOWED BY PRESIDENT GISCARD; AND THE SECOND TO DEPART, FOLLOWING PRESIDENT GISCARD. GERMANS PREFER TO LEAVE AFTERNOON SESSION OPEN-ENDED AS TO TIME OF DEPARTURE. FROM EXPERIENCE OF PAST SUMMITS, GERMANS ESTIMATE, HOWEVER, SESSION MAY RUN TO TWO

AND ONE HALF HOURS.

19. DINNER AT 8:00 P.M. IN SCHLOSS GYMNICH WILL BE HOSTED BY DHANCELLOR SCHMIDT NOT PRESIDENT SCHEEL. DINNER IS INFORMAL, DARK SUIT, AND SEEN AS A NON-PROTOCOL TYPE OCCASION FOR INFORMAL TALK AROUND FIRE-PLACE FOLLOWING DINNER. ONCE AGAIN GERMANS SEE THIS EVENT AS OPEN-ENDED AS FAR AS DEPARTURE IS CONERNED, ALTHOUGH PAST EXPERIENCE SHOWS MINIMUM OF TWO AND ONE HALF HOURS IS NORMAL MINIMUM TIME NEEDED. FRG NOTES THAT CHANCELLOR ATTACHES PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THIS TYPE OF INFORMAL GATHERING.

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20. AS ALL OTHER HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WILL BE HELI-COPTERING TO SCHLOSS GYMNICH, GERMANS ARE OFFERING SAME FACILITY FOR PRESIDENT CARTER WITH PICK-UP EITHER AT RIEGALISCHE WIESE NEAR CENTER OF BAD GODESBERG OR IN US PLITTERSDORF AREA. LANDING PAD AT SCHLOSS GYMNICH WILL ONLY ACCOMMODATE HELICOPTERS OF FRG PUMA-TYPE AIRCRAFT (17 SEATER) OR SMALLER. ALL PRINCIPALS WOULD RETURN FROM SCHLOSS GYMNICH BY CAR. PLEASE CONFIRM WHETHER PRESIDENT WILL TRAVEL BY CAR OR WILL HELICOPTER TO SCHLOSS GYMNICH.

MONDAY, JULY 17

21. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FROM SUMMIT SESSION WOULD PROCEED SAME AS ON SUNDAY. PRESENT PLANNING FOR JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING SESSION MAY CAUSE PROBLEMS, INCLUDING NECESSITY OF LATER DEPARTURE THAN FORESEEN. (DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN PRESS CABLE.) GERMANS ESTIMATE CONCLUSION OF AFTERNOON SESSION AT ABOUT 5:30 P.M. WITH JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE TO FOLLOW IN BONN STADT THEATRE, INSTEAD OF AT CHANCELLERY. STADT THEATRE IS ABOUT A FIVE-MINUTE DRIVE FROM THE CHANCELLERY GROUNDS. JOINT CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESS CONFERENCE WOULD CONSIST OF STATEMENTS GIVEN BY EACH INDIVIDUAL HEAD OF STATE/GOVERNMENT ACCORDING TO ENGLISH ALPHABETICAL ORDER. TIME REQUIRED ESTIMATED AS A FULL HOUR (5:45 - 6:45). DEPARTURE WOULD FOLLOW USUAL PROTOCOL PROCEDURE WITH PRESIDENT CARTER BEING SECOND TO LEAVE. TRIP TO AIRPORT TAKES 30 MINUTES FROM STADT THEATRE.

22. WE ASSUME MRS. CARTER AND AMY WILL STAY THROUGH THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT. PLEASE CONFIRM.
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